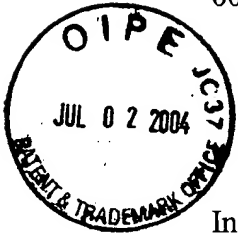


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: D. Jones
KEN-ICHI OHTA, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 2622
Application No.: 09/521,850)
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Filed: March 9, 2000)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS AND METHOD,)
: AND STORAGE MEDIUM) June 28, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004 for one month from May 26, 2004 to Monday, June 28, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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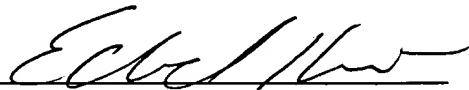
(Name of Attorney for Applicant)


Signature

June 28, 2004
Date of Signature

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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